



## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

VFW Building – Government Building

451 School Street

Point Arena, CA. 95468

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

5:30 P.M.

### MINUTES

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order: 5:30pm
- Board members present: Barbara Burkey, Angela Dominguez, John Huff
- Board members absent: Kylie Felicich, David Shpak

#### 2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- The agenda was approved with no changes.
- M/S/C: Dominguez/Huff/Unanimous
- Yays: All
- Nays: None
- Absent: Felicich/Shpak

#### 3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

- Community member Bob Rodriguez spoke about the minutes from several board meetings ago in regard to bringing ping pong to MCRPD. He mentioned having a proposal ready and has received several donations to make this possible. He believes this will be a small expense and easy to do. Rodriguez also mentioned that he was not included on the last meeting's agenda that had happened in May, the meeting was cancelled but noticed he was not on the agenda. Bob suggested meeting with one of MCRPD's committees instead of waiting for the next board meeting about bringing a bilingual program as well.

#### 4.0 STAFF REPORTS:

##### 4.1 Administrative Report (Carly Wells)

- Wells presented her report and added that MCRPD had received the Ted Winslow Award from CAPRI for having met the criteria needed.

##### 4.2 Maintenance Report (Paul Kelley)

- Kelley was absent

##### 4.3 Guest Services Report (Carly Wells)

- Wells presented her report and reiterated having to split registration days into two different days due to how popular programs were. In 45 minutes, nearly 100 kids were registered for the gymnastics program and classes were expanded to accommodate kids on a waiting list. Huff suggested contacting Danielle Warner in Gualala. Warner teaches dance classes in the South Coast and showed interest in offering classes when spoken to.

#### 4.4 CVSCC Recreation Services Report (Kim Ramey)

- Ramey presented her report. Burkey spoke about the possibility of recruiting seniors as lifeguards for the C.V. Starr Community Center. Ramey said that there has been some seniors who swim asking in the mornings but are unsure if they want that commitment.

#### 4.5 MCRPD Recreation Services Report (Heidi Mabery)

- Mabery was absent

### 5.0 OTHER REPORTS:

#### 5.1 Friends of MCRPD

- Nothing to report, but there will be an in-person meeting on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Burkey asked about the number of scholarships given for South Coast Swim Lessons, Wells responded about 4 to 6 scholarships were given to the South Coast and double that amount for swim lessons at the C.V. Starr Community Center among others for different programs.

#### 5.2 South Coast

- RCRC will be putting together a fund raiser for the Sea Ranch, tickets are \$30 with several events put together. Burkey mentioned RCRC's partnership with MCRPD was not made prominent on advertisements for the South Coast Swim Lessons as they had raised money for scholarships and would like to see it displayed in the future.

#### 5.3 MECCA

- Nothing to report.

#### 5.4 Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

- The MCBG has a new campaign manager, and are preparing for a summer soiree to thank donors.

#### 5.5 Personnel Committee

- Huff and Felicich were meant to meet in order to discuss expanding current personnel to per-diem for projects that fall out of the scope of the projects needed for MCRPD and CVSCC. They hope to reconvene about this topic in early July.

#### 5.6 District Services Committee

- Nothing to report.

#### 5.7 Finance Committee

- MCRPD finances are in good shape.

#### 5.8 Board of Directors

- Nothing to report.

Each DISCUSSION/ACTION item consists of the following steps to be carried out by the Board Chair in the subsequent order. 1) Announces agenda item by number and states the subject. 2) Staff and advisory committee reports. 3) Receive Board questions and requests for clarification 3) Receive public comments. 4) Motion and second from the Board. 5) Moderates a discussion of the item until a final motion is ready for a vote or other disposition

## 6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION

### 6.1 Revised By-Laws

- By-Laws have been updated to remove the Regional Park Committee now that the Highway 20 Property no longer belongs to MCRPD.
- A motion was made to adopt the resolution as presented.
- M/S/C: Huff/Dominguez/Unanimous
- Yeyes: All
- Neyes: None
- Absent: Felicich/Shpak

### 6.2 District Letter regarding Board Members

- Wells introduced the item and had stated that a discussion occurred in March regarding the MCRPD board members and Huff had requested anything in writing regarding what was said. Moneque Wooden, the previous District Administrator, had requested the district attorney to provide a letter stating that MCRPD would not be eligible for grants so long as Bob Bushansky and John Huff remained on the district's board. This was in regard to a call that had occurred in June of 2020.
- Burkey commented that MCRPD is being held back by Huff being present on the board.
- Huff had said that the letter presented is not from the state and would like to see a letter from the state itself saying that grants will not be given to MCRPD while he is on the board.
- Burkey responded by saying that she had attempted to reach out to people but no one would respond which tells her that MCRPD is currently "persona non grata."
- Huff asked if there has been any attempts to write or receive any grants.
- Burkey mentioned a workshop that Huff, Wooden, and Wells were present at and asked what had happened during that workshop. Wells responded that from the phone call that occurred, funding would not be granted from any California State Grant opportunities. Because of this there were no attempts to receive grants knowing MCRPD would not be given them.
- Community member and previous MCRPD board member Kirk Marshall suggested that the possibility of the state not responding is due to preventing any sort of liability. Marshall told Burkey that MCRPD has a choice to try and receive grants as CVSCC does receive grants.
- Burkey explained that grants received by the CVSCC is because it is a separate entity from MCRPD and MCRPD has an obligation to provide recreational opportunities for the district but are not able to due to the lack of funding. Burkey felt that if she were in Huff's shoes, she would resign for the betterment of the district.
- Marshall believes that the state had done something wrong rather than Huff as and questioned the board if they would rather have Huff resign due to rumors. While the board agreed that if it was for the greater good, Marshall disagreed. Marshall suggested looking through different avenues instead of state grants. Burkey felt that the suggestion would not be a

long-term solution and that MCRPD has an obligation to provide to the community which is currently not possible due to the situation they are in.

- Dominguez asked Huff what his thoughts were on the situation and if he had done anything on his part.
- Huff said that he has reached out to the attorney general's office. Huff said that they were unaware of what he was inquiring about and there was no mention of Huff, the California Recreational Alliance, or MCRPD.
- Burkey thought maybe MCRPD could try to apply for Prop-68 as everyone is eligible to apply for it and see whether or not it gets declined.
- Marshall said that he has worked for the state before and that there is a culture that will not be changed within the state.
- Burkey said that the goal is not to have the state apologize but to have MCRPD funded in order to provide recreational programs.
- Marshall said MCRPD can turn to independent foundations and the federal government to obtain funding.
- Community member and previous MCRPD board member Leslie Bates asked what happens if a grant application is denied.
- Burkey explained that a quick response is given to rejected applicants for competitive grants, and entities with the manpower are able to showcase how the applicant scored and allow applicants to ask why they were denied.
- Dominguez suggested applicants should go to their representative before applying for grants.
- Bates commented that she and Burkey had done that in the past and were given a general answer that everyone was welcome to apply.
- Wells asked who will ask and what the project base will be.
- Bates suggested attempting to attain funds for Stage 3 of the CVSCC.
- Burkey suggested staff to try and apply for Prop 68 and navigate the steps needed.
- A motion was made to form an ADHOC Committee to explore grant possibilities.
- M/S/C: Huff/Dominguez/Unanimous
- Yeyes: All
- Nayas: None
- Absent:Felicich/Shpak
- A motion was made to appoint Angela Dominguez and Barbara Burkey onto the ADHOC Committee.
- Yeyes: Dominguez/Burkey/Unanimous
- Nayas: None
- Absent: Felicich/Shpak
- Huff suggested Ramey to try and receive grants from Boats and Waterways.

### 6.3 Preliminary MCRPD Budget FY23/24

- Wells commented that there may be some updates for the budget in the

mid-year. Wells reviewed and presented the proposed budget. Community member Kevin Evans commented that people from the South Coast would like more programs being offered at the Gualala Community Center and would like to see MCRPD consider expanding and utilizing the services offered in Gualala to provide programs to the Gualala community.

- Ramey responded that she has been in contact with someone from the Gualala Community Center.
- A motion was made to adopt the Preliminary MCRPD Budget FY23/24 as presented.
- M/S/C: Dominguez/Huff/Unanimous
- Yeyes: All
- Naves: None
- Absent: Felicich/Shpak

### **3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items under the consent calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless a board member requests that an individual item be taken up under DISCUSSION/ACTION

3.1 Approval of minutes for board meetings and standing committees: 04-19-2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, 04-30-2023 Special Board Meeting Minute

3.2 Approval of financial documents as recommended by the Finance Committee; MCRPD Financial Statement February 2023; MCRPD Check Register February 2023; MCRPD Financial Statement March 2023; MCRPD Check Register March 2023

- A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
- M/S/C: Huff/Dominguez/Unanimous
- Yeyes: All
- Naves: None
- Absent: Felicich/Shpak

**4.0 ADJOURNMENT** – Next MCRPD Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on July 19, 2023, at 5:30pm; C. V. Starr Community Center 300 S. Lincoln St. Fort Bragg, CA 95437

- The meeting was adjourned at: 6:35pm

### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

All disabled persons requesting disability related modifications for accommodations including auxiliary aids or service may make such a request to ensure full participation in a MCRPD public meeting. Such a request should be made to Carly Wells, Interim District Administrator, 300 South Lincoln St., Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

*PLEASE NOTE:* District agendas are posted at least 72 hours in advance of Regular Board of Director's meetings at the District Office, C. V. Starr Community Center, 300 South Lincoln Street, Fort Bragg, California and at [mendocoastrec.org](http://mendocoastrec.org). District agendas are emailed to individuals upon request at least 72 hours in advance of regular meetings.

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